

**Inter Canyon League
Minutes of the General Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM
Silverado Community Center and Live Streaming**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Sarkissian.

II. General Announcements

Geoffrey Sarkissian noted that a memorial event for Bob Hunt will take place October 21.

Geoff has also signed up for the next CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training class. And he pointed out the new GSOB (Gold Spotted Oak Borer) flyers funded by a Southern California Edison grant to ICL.

The Silverado Country Fair, ICL's sole big fundraiser, will take place October 14-15. Signup sheets for volunteer beer servers and ID checkers were circulated.

Geoff concluded the announcements with a rendition of his humorous "Canyon Folks" song.

III. Don Wagner, Supervisor, 3rd District & Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors

Following an introduction by Rich Pfeiffer, who thanked Don for obtaining funds for creek clearing after the Bond fire, the Supervisor provided updates on various current issues, and then responded to questions from the audience. Mentioned in his presentation:

- Establishing public well-lit, monitored "safe zones" for marital meetings, child custody handoffs, eBay transactions, etc. at locations like the Lake Forest Sheriff office.
- Police and firefighters being issued Naloxone, a nasal-spray overdose antidote for fentanyl, a powerful heroin-like drug that can be fatal when used illegally.
- For firefighters: (1) wire cutters (their request), (2) a giant night-flying water-dropping helicopter, and (3) cows (for grazing vegetation before it turns into a fire hazard).
- A new 288-acre cemetery east of Anaheim, including dedicated areas for military veterans and first responders, that will probably open in 2025 or 2026.

In response to complaints about delays in rebuilding after the Bond fire, Don said that some of the plans submitted have been for more than simple rebuilds, and that current regulations would not allow grandfathering in everything like before.

Don did say, though, that his office might be able to speed things up for homeowners by "getting everybody in the same room" to discuss a site's issues rather than having everyone play endless telephone tag.

Asked why recreational vehicles were moved but oaks left to burn at Lake Irvine, Don said that he did not know how the Fire Authority determines priorities, but he could find out. He admitted that the county earns two million dollars from RV storage, which is hard to find, but that there is some space in Irvine as well as at the lake.

On the GSOB front, Don announced that trees infested with gold spotted oak borer beetles can now be declared a nuisance, requiring property owners to take action just like for

existing weed abatement notices. For that, Mike Boeck presented Don with an ICL cartoon GSOB T-shirt to promote the current GSOB awareness campaign. Other questions included whether something could be done to improve police response to speeding and tagging (graffiti) in the canyons. Mary Schreiber said that CHP can take 30 minutes. Don said that CHP would be happy to take money for increased patrols, but they are stretched thin. Also, an officer must SEE a misdemeanor in order to act on it. Geoff then invited anyone with further questions for Don to join him in the next room while the ICL board continued the meeting in the current room.

IV. Country Fair Update—Jane Bove

No report.

V. Updates

a. Canyon Watch Update—Bic and Keith Edwards

No report.

b. Update from Parks (SMRPD)

No report.

c. Update from Fire Safe Council

Mary Schreiber reported that 52 loads were hauled away at the last Chipper Day. This helps keep the area's FireWise certification, which can keep fire insurance rates down.

d. Modjeska Road Closure

Modjeska Canyon Road will be closed 9:00am-2:00pm on October 9-10 for maintenance.

VI. Director Reports

a. President—Geoffrey Sarkissian

Geoffrey moved that ICL donate up to \$3,000 toward the cost of upgrading the Silverado Community Center's WiFi system. This will be needed for events like the upcoming Silverado Fair. Passed 3-0 (Scott abstained).

b. Vice President—Celeste Veerkamp

No report.

c. Secretary—Scott Breeden

The minutes of the September meeting were approved 4-0.

d. Treasurer—Francesca Duff

ICL paid for the recent Chipper Days. Coming expenses will be tree inspections for GSOBs. Five thousand dollars was moved from the general fund to Canyon Watch for dealing with sabotage of radio communications. Friends of the Library will need to raise money if it wants to keep donating approximately \$5,000 annually to the library.

The September financial report was approved 4-0.

VII. New Business

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

***** The next ICL meeting will be held November 7, 2023 *****